JAN 2 5 2007 Und the Paperwork Recordion A

PTO/SB/08A (09-06) Approved for use through 03/31/2007. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known				
Application Number	10/771,152			
Filing Date	February 4, 2004			
First Named Inventor	Ravi B. GOPAL et al.			
Art Unit	2838			
Examiner Name	Samuel Berhanu			
Attorney Docket Number	0351-382			

E	01-	Daniel Alleran	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (F known)</sup>	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevan Figures Appear
/SB	I	<sup>US-</sup> 2002/0025464	02-28-2002	BREUR	
/SB/		<sup>US-</sup> 6,392,386	05-21-2002	SCHULMAYR et al.	
/SB/		<sup>US-</sup> 4,833,459	05-23-1989	GEUER et al.	
/SR/		<sup>US-</sup> 2002/0196025	12-26-2002	FREEMAN et al.	
<b>~</b>		US-			
		US-			
		9			
		US-			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		US-			
		os-	-,		
		US-			
		US-	J		

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	Γ.
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> "Number <sup>4</sup> "Kind Code <sup>8</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	Ľ
/SB/		DE 100 36 572	02-14-2002	Norbert BREUR		
/SB/		EP 1 134 868	09-19-2001	Gunter SCHULMAYR		
/SB/		DE 37 02 591	11-08-1988	Wolfgang GEUER et al.		
						L

Examiner Signature /Samuel Berhanu	Date Considered	06/27/2007
------------------------------------	-----------------	------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

ALL THE

PTO/SB/08B (09-06) Approved for use through 03/31/2007. OMB 0651-0031

	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERC
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond	to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Carried Automato		Complete if Known			
Substitute for form 1449/PTO	Application Number	10/771,152			
INFORMATION DISCL	OSURE Filing Date	February 4, 2004			
STATEMENT BY APPL	ICANT First Named Inventor	Ravi B. GOPAL et al.			
	Art Unit	2838			
(Use as many sheets as necessa	Examiner Name	Samuel Berhanu			
Sheet 2 of 2	Attorney Docket Numb	er 9351-382			

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS  Cite Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			
/SB/		Copy of German Office Action, 11-24-2006 (copy of english translation is enclosed)			
<u> </u>					

Examiner	/Samuel Berhanu/	Date Considered	06/27/2007	٠.
Signature		Constacted	00/21/2001	

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of Information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:

Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.